

claim dependency. New claims 42-54 are directed to additional embodiments falling within or overlapping the scope of the existing claims.

The Objection Regarding Drawings

As explained in the Second Preliminary Amendment filed March 9, 1999, the drawings were inadvertently omitted upon filing the continuation application. It is clear from the disclosure at pages 11-13 that it was intended to include the drawings. Additionally, the drawings appear in the parent application, Ser. No. 08/467,886, the entire disclosure of which was incorporated by reference herein (see paragraph 12 of the cover page form submitted with this continuation application). Since the drawings were incorporated in this application by reference to the parent, their bodily incorporation herein does not constitute new matter.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

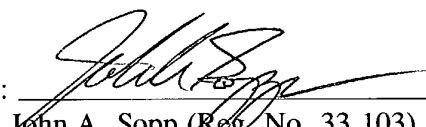
It is believed that the amendment to claim 23 above correcting the obviously erroneous claim dependency renders the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. §112 moot. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection

The rejection of claims 18-38 for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 5,410,516 is rendered moot by the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith. Thus, this rejection should be withdrawn.

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and early notification thereof is requested. If issues remain unresolved, the examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss them.

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